**David and the Psalms**

**Discussion Questions**

 These Questions focus on the lesson; it may help to reread the passage in its entirety. This section enables you to fully understand what is happening and what God I telling us through the accounts given.

1. If Jesus is your “shepherd,” what is our responsibility as sheep?
2. What are the differences between safety and being protected from evil? Have you ever considered this before? Does this change anything in your life or relationship with God?
3. How does the knowledge that God is intimately aware of you and with you as you walk through hard places change your perspective? Do you believe God is walking with you through your difficulties? Why or why not?
4. Write your own paraphrase version of Psalm 23. A paraphrase is more than just re-wording. Try to grab a whole concept and write the concept in a way that is meaningful to you. For this task, you’ll want to focus on the ways that God’s presence has been all those things that a shepherd was for David.

**Reflection Question**

This section helps you reflect on what is going on in your life and the world around you. Take your time and spend time thinking through each of these questions. We will not go over these together; this section is between you and God.

1. When you read John 10:12, what do you think is a “wolf” that attacks you? What areas of your life lead you toward evil or being under attack?
2. When you’ve been off the path, how has God intentionally pursued you like a good shepherd pursuing a lost sheep? What did that teach you about God in those moments?

**Application Questions**

 The goal of studying the Bible is to learn how to live more like Christ; if we never take what we learn in God’s word and put it into practice, then we are just wasting our time. This section helps you begin the process of figuring out how God’s word is going to change your life. How is this week’s lesson going to change what you do this week moving forward?

1. Where do you find yourself today- In the green pasture or is it more in the brown? Where do you need strength and courage to live out contentment in your life right now?
2. What’s the biggest challenge you’re facing in your current reality? What experiences have you had that help you trust God to provide, protect and, guide? How can you begin this week to remember these experiences and follow the Shepherd?